

Narrative Summary – October 2013

October 2013 was slightly cooler than normal, averaging 52.5°F, 0.6° below normal (53.1°F). The warmest October (1988) averaged 59.6°F, while the coolest (1984) averaged 47.9°F. No temperature records were observed during the month of October 2013:

Precipitation for October 2013 totaled 0.38 inch, 78% of normal (0.49 inch). The wettest October (1957) received 2.72 inches, while the driest (1987 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2013 (through October) is 4.95 inches, 99% of normal (4.99 inches).

The average wind speed for October 2013 was 6.1 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.6 mph below normal (6.7 mph). The windiest October (1946) averaged 9.1 mph, while the October with the lightest winds (1952) averaged 4.4 mph. The peak gust for October 2013 was 49 mph on October 28. The record wind gust for October was 72 mph in 1997.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertain specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.